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ABSTRACT

This preschool curriculum was developed by a local task force in Lower Kuskokwim School District, Alaska. The task force based their work on the book "Developmentally Appropriate Practice in Early Childhood Programs Serving Children from Birth through Age 8," on input from district parents of young children, and on the recommendations of a curriculum review committee. This document begins with a statement of educational philosophy and goals and an outline of program organization. The cognitive, physical, emotional, and social development of the preschool child are broken down into main components, and desired learning experiences related to each component are described along with sample activities and resources. Also discussed are methods for meeting each child's needs, parent participation, training of teacher aides, and tips for choosing preschool books and being a successful story reader. Instructional materials and resources are provided, including recipes, craft instructions, finger plays, flannel board activities, games, dramatic play, and songs with Alaskan themes. Some instructions are also provided in Yupik. This publication contains 26 references and lists of 18 other curriculum resources and 134 books for preschool children (including 18 in Yupik). (SV)

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